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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

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The Examiner's attention is directed to co-pending U.S. Patent Application No. 09/537,070, filed March 28, 2000, which is directed to related subject matter. The identification of this U.S. patent application is not to be construed as a waiver of secrecy as to that application now or upon issuance of the present application as a patent. The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the cited application and the art cited therein during examination.

By submitting these references, Applicant does not admit that the references are prior art to or material to this application, and reserves the right to establish that any reference is not prior art. Applicant does not represent that the references have been reviewed in detail; there may be details in the references of which Applicant is unaware.

Respectfully submitted,

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